

TO BUILD SEWER SYSTEM AT ONCE.

Council Will Appoint Engineer to Prepare Plans and Estimates.

It is probable that the city council will take active steps at once toward the building of a modern sewer system during the coming summer. At its last meeting a resolution authorizing the appointment of an engineer to prepare estimates, came up but was not acted upon because of the absence of the mayor and two councilmen. The present sewer system is only a temporary box drain affair and it is proposed to replace this with a modern service to accommodate a city at least double the size of Sumpter, anticipating its rapid growth.

The mayor and council are understood to be heartily in favor of the movement, and that active steps toward its inauguration are to be taken at once.

No definite estimates as to cost have yet been obtained, but it is stated roughly that the system will cost about \$20,000, though these figures cannot be relied upon. Nor is it yet determined how the money will be raised, whether by bonds or assessments. The city ordinances provide that bonds may be issued for such purposes, or that sewer districts may be created and the property owners taxed in proportion to the relative benefits derived. As it will take some time to build a sewer system, and the work can better be prosecuted during the summer months, it is probable the council will act at once.

A WILDCAT WHICH HAS A RICH FIR.

A. D. Sly, of Michigan, After Examination of Highland, is Well Pleased.

A. D. Sly, of Plymouth, Michigan, who came to Sumpter week or so ago, as mentioned in THE MINER, to look over the Highland property, with a view to investing, is well pleased with the mine. After a thorough inspection, in a letter addressed to Neil J. Sorensen & Co., he bears evidence regarding the high character of the proposition as follows:

"I am here all safe and sound. I have inspected every claim thoroughly and am well pleased in each and every tunnel. That a rotation of claims extending across a gulch from mountain top to mountain top has been opened up in no less than seven places and to my knowledge shows in every drift good ore values, is indeed promising to say the least of it. If this is a 'wildcat' it has a mighty rich fir."

IMPROVEMENTS AT GOLD BUG.

New Bunk House to be Built and Other Additions.

Arrangements are being made to build an additional bunk house for

the men on the Gold Bug property, and to move the blacksmith shop to the mouth of the tunnel, where it will be more convenient to the work. Provisions are being sent in and preparations made to start up operations on an extensive scale at once.

This mine is making a most excellent showing. The company now has about seventy-five tons of ore on the dump, which average at least \$100. Vein No. 1, which showed a width of about eighteen inches at the surface, widened to three feet at the crosscut, giving every indication that it will continue to increase in width with depth.

BEAR GULCH PLACERS.

Operations to Start as Soon as Water Runs in Ditches.

The Bear Gulch placers, which were acquired last summer by the Hobson Mercantile company, of this city, are to be operated as soon as the water will run in the ditches. This property is situated only a few miles from the city, and is regarded as a good proposition. It was profitably worked last season, and its present owners propose to renew operations on a large scale during the coming summer.

The property already has on it all necessary equipment and improvements, and the company is just waiting until the weather opens up to start operations.

Harley Wood Quits the Business.

Harley Wood, as square a man as ever stood behind a bar—against his inclination, for his desire always lead him into the hills in search of big game, or along the mountain streams looking for contact of skill with a two-pound trout—has sold his Opera house saloon and quit the business for good. The new proprietors of that popular resort are Frank Meyers and Billy Brestow, both well and favorably known in Sumpter and who will maintain the high reputation of the place. Mr. Meyers sold out the Bank saloon here several months ago, since which time he has been doing business in Pendleton. Mr. Wood's many friends will be pleased to learn that he will continue to reside in Sumpter, with an occasional mysterious expedition into other localities.

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